

THAT MAN IS SURE TO WIN WHO CAN COMMAND THE SITUATION INSTEAD OF ALLOWING THE SITUATION TO CONTROL HIM.—Hollis Burke Frissell.

# The BETHEL OXFORD COUNTY CITIZEN

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## LUMBER LOOKS AHEAD TO GOOD YEAR IN '56

By Lawrence D. Kellogg, President, National Lumber Manufacturers Association, Washington, D. C.

Next year will be a good year to buy lumber.

Lumber is one of the few major building materials in plentiful supply, and the current supply is backed up by an increasing surplus of forest growth over timber being cut.

There will be good buys, especially in the do-it-yourself market in which a rapidly growing number of experienced home craftsmen have learned to get the most out of economy grades, "shorts" and other bargain lumber for both utility and decorative value.

Millions of Americans will buy lumber in 1956 and they have the assurance that they can get the right grade for the right use.

Both nature and the law of supply and demand have operated to bring about these favorable market conditions. Wood is our only renewable resource. Private forestry enterprises, confident of a continuing and growing demand for lumber, is renewing this resource at an unprecedented rate.

Many Americans may be surprised to learn that if it were not for insects, fire and other destruction, the cubic volume growth of all timber would now be 60 per cent greater than the cut. As it is, growth—less the loss to destructive elements—exceeds the amount cut by 32 per cent.

Also, sawtimber (timber large enough for sawlogs) that was cut and lost to destructive elements exceeded growth by 60 per cent ten years ago. There has been a tremendous increase in the amount cut by 32 per cent.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cummings entertained at a family Christmas party Monday at their home. Guests were Gertrude, Amy and Roger Hanson, Newry, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cole and Charlie Newell, Locke Mills.

Carroll Luxton RMS will return to Norfolk, Va., Thursday after spending Christmas leave with Mr. and Mrs. Alton Luxton. He has just returned from a cruise of the Mediterranean area aboard the U. S. S. Antares.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Adams of Boston and Peter and Lona Shumway of Lynnfield Center are returning to Boston today after spending a few days with Mrs. Ruth Dorlon and daughter, Mrs. Mary Paine.

A Christmas party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Rice. A decorated tree and the exchanging of gifts were enjoyed. After which a lunch was served, sandwiches, potato chips, cookies, cake, punch and coffee. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Cross, Albert, Nev., Anne, Dickie, Roger, Lilly-May and Evelyn Cross, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Cross, of Locke Mills; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Rice, Edward, Charlotte, Burnie, Clayton Rice, of Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Coolidge entertained at a family Christmas party Sunday afternoon. A buffet style lunch was served, games were played and everyone gathered around the piano to sing Christmas carols. Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Hanno Cushman, Clinton, Sylvia and Rose, of Bryant Pond; Mr. and Mrs. Willis McGuire, Joyce and Bill, of West Peru; Mr. and Mrs. Erna McGuire, Norma, Joanne and Connie, of West Peru; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Cushman, Sandra and Joanne, of Augusta; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cushman and daughter, Shirley, of Bryant Pond; Mr. and Mrs. George Cushman of Bryant Pond; Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Felt and children, Robert, Linda and Catherine, of Bethel, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Coolidge and daughter, Carol.

## The Week in Oxford County

Rumford Community Hospital received a gift of \$1,000 from the Rumford branch of the Cawco Bank & Trust Co. Charles C. Ferguson, president of the hospital's board of directors, made announcement of the donation.

The home of Elmer Caldwell, of North Waterford Corner, was burned last Thursday morning. Some furniture and an auto were saved. There was no insurance on the loss.

Wilner Wood Products Company, South Paris, announces a pay increase to its employees of approximately 3%. It will be effective Jan. 1.

Oxford County 4-H Club members attending the State Conference

## COMMENTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE

1955 is almost history now. In looking back over the year, I can see some of my many errors, yet in spite of these perhaps some things have been accomplished. We perhaps should note the rebuilding of Philbrook and Park Streets. The replacement of Meadow Brook Bridge, new shed at the Town garage lot and the Mercury Vapor lights now on trial. Improvement of East Bethel road and some of those leading off it. These things are of course only possible to do with your tax dollars.

Do you wish to purchase a new pumper at this time for the Fire Dept.? Town meeting Friday at eight o'clock in the evening to decide. This is your choice.

1956 is just ahead. What do you want in 1956? Rebuilding of Elm St. as well as some others that need attention? Do you wish to improve the street lights in Town? I believe some improvement can be made without any additional cost. I feel certain that it is the wish of the Town officials, and those of us in your employ in the Town office to carry out your wishes and desires to make Bethel a better place in which to live and to enjoy that living.

Happy New Year.

O. T. Rozelle

## IN AND ABOUT BETHEL

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jones of Lewiston were week end guests of Mrs. H. I. Bean.

Gardiner Smith has been out from his work at Chapin's Shell Station three weeks due to a bad arm.

Miss Viola Gibbs, Cheryl and Billy, spent Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Evans Wilson.

Miss Mary Lee Selling arrived Tuesday from Winter Park, Fla., to visit with Miss Donna Bartlett.

Mrs. Irene Marcuse of New York City is spending several days with her son, Walter Marcuse, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner Smith and daughter spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Trimbach in North Waterford.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers and family of Norway were Tuesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Hathaway and Dianne.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bourgon of Philadelphia are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Van Den Kerckhoven.

Mrs. John Lane and son Charles of North Brookfield, Mass., are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dana Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Bartlett and son Ronald of Hampden were guests of Mrs. Walter Bartlett Sunday and Monday.

Miss Lillian Coburn returned to Portland Tuesday after spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Coburn.

La Donald Lord returned Tuesday to Nahant, Mass., after spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lord.

Miss Jackie MacFarlane, Boston, and William Wilkins, Quincy, Mass., were week end guests of Miss MacFarlane relatives here.

The Men's Brotherhood met on Tuesday evening, Dec. 27 at the Methodist Church. Supper was served at 6:30 by committee, Donald Christie and Evans Wilson.

Miss Jane Luxton celebrated her 10th birthday Dec. 25th, with a party at her home. Guests were Kathleen and Carol Brown, Merry, Sylvia and Beverly York, Laurie, Nancy and Becky Brown. Games were played and refreshments were served.

State Senator Henry W. Boyker was slightly injured last Thursday when his car was struck by another car as he entered the driveway to his home. Cuts and bruises were also suffered by the occupants of the other car, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Goss and two daughters of Presque Isle AFD. Both cars were damaged considerably.

## At the close of another year we realize how important your friendship and good will have been to us. We appreciate the opportunity the Holiday Season brings to say "Thank You" and wish you a VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

THE CITIZEN STAFF

## COUNTY SHERIFFS TO HAVE RADIO SERVICE

It has been announced by Sheriff James Lassiter that five two-way radios have been authorized for the Oxford County Sheriff's Department.

The sets will be installed in the Sheriff's car and those of four permanent officers: Chief Deputy Albert Grover of Bethel, Deputy Archie McAllister of Buckfield, Deputy Louis Fontaine of Rumford, and Deputy Frank Ballard of Fryeburg. Installation is expected in late February.

Mrs. Sylvia Sloan, Norma Jean and Edwin, and Mrs. Norman Johnson left Tuesday to spend several months at Daytona Beach, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. "Bud" Clough and Karen will leave for Springfield, Mass., this week end. Mr. Clough will enter Springfield College Monday morning.

Paul Salway of Greenfield, Mass., has spent several days recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner Smith and spent Christmas Day with his sons.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hathaway called on Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dunham Sunday. They also had Christmas dinner at her parents', Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Day's, Bryant Pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Perkins left this Thursday morning after spending a week with his brother, Richard Perkins, returning to Wayne, Pa., where he is a teacher in Valley Forge Military Academy.

Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Glines entertained over the Christmas holidays. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. MacGoughlin and son Bert of Buckport, Mr. and Mrs. David Glines of Andover, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Richardson and son Tim of Hanover, Mrs. Katharine Adams, Miss Marilyn Adams, Roscoe Truitt of Thompsonville, Conn., Terry Truitt of Auburn, Herbert Adams of U. of N. H., Mr. and Mrs. Roger Adams, Miss Lorna Shumway, Peter Shumway of Lynnfield Center, Mass., Miss Sarah Dorlon of Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Glines, Gregory, Heidi and Kristin, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bodwell, Mrs. Martha Scott, Miss Barbara Cushman, Mr. and Mrs. Earlson Paine, Linda and Richard, Mrs. Ruth Dorlon.

Mr. and Mrs. John II Carter spent the holiday with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Johnston, in Arlington, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lincoln and family left today to spend the rest of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Sanger Cook at Pittsfield.

Ronald Snyder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Snyder, left for the service day. He is in the U. S. Navy, stationed at Bainbridge, Md.

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La Scott Guernsey will leave Friday to report for reassignment at Westover Field, Mass., after spending a few weeks leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Guernsey. He has been stationed in Texas for several months.

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Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to select and purchase a fire pumper and accessories.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow a sum of money not to exceed the amount of \$12,000.00 for the purchase of a fire pumper and accessories. Selectmen and Treasurer to make such terms as are necessary for the repayment of the loan.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be session in the Town Manager's office, Dec. 27, 28, and 29, 1955, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands this twenty-second day of December A. D. 1955.

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## GOULD STUDENTS IN MERIT SEMI-FINALS

Three Gould Academy students are among the 31 Maine secondary school students to advance to the semifinals of the nationwide scholarship contest conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. They are Eleanor E. Merriam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon E. Merriam of Damariscotta; Matts Myhrman, son of Dr. and Mrs. Anders Myhrman of Lewiston; and Barbara Schaefer, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Paul E. Schaefer of Durham, N. H.

More than 50,000 students entered the contest nationally and 5,178 were selected for the semifinal examinations which are scheduled for January 14.

E. P. Brown is spending some time at his home in town.

Mrs. Harriett Hall has returned home from the Rumford Community Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Douglass were in Penaquid over the Christmas holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reed spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Swan at Holt Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Nell Merrill are moving into their new home on the West Bethel road Friday.

Robert Blake Jr. of Boston is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Blake.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul King, Geraldine and Pauline, visited Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith in Tilton, N. H., Wednesday.

Lee Carroll returned to Boston Tuesday after spending the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Carroll.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Stevens of Norway were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fraser and family on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Cushman and family of Augusta were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Coolidge Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Strout and family of Mechanic Falls were recent callers of Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Felt and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul King entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bowerman and son Thomas of North Waterford for Christmas dinner.

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## D. GROVER BROOKS

D. Grover Brooks passed away early Saturday morning, Dec. 24, at his home on Main Street.

He was born in Upton April 9, 1892, the son of Aldana and Mary King Brooks. He received his education in the Upton schools, Gould Academy, and Burdett Business College, Boston.

In 1917 he purchased the hardware store and building of the late N. F. Brown, which he closed when called into the service in May, 1918. He served with the machine gun company, 109th Infantry, at St. Mihiel, France, where he was wounded on Sept. 6, 1918.

He married Miss Alice Elita Joy of South Berwick on July 2, 1919, and that month reopened his store here, which with Mrs. Brooks' lifelong cooperation developed into one of the largest businesses of its kind in Western Maine. Mrs. Brooks' death occurred on Nov. 21, 1954.

Since 1946 his son, Dana, has been associated with him in the business, and two years ago the other son, Donald, joined. With the addition of the gas and fuel oil business last year the corporation of Brooks Brothers, Inc., was formed, which was extended this year to include the entire concern as carried on under Mr. Brooks' name.

Mr. Brooks' life in Bethel has been one of active participation in the town's interests. He cheerfully accepted offices and assumed duties which consumed much of his time. These included several years in these positions: Town Treasurer, Deputy Town Clerk, Bethel Village Corporation Assessor, Clerk and Treasurer. For many years he served as treasurer of the local Red Cross fund.

Since January 1950 he had been treasurer of the Bethel Savings Bank, and previously had been president for several years.

He was a past master of Bethel Lodge, F. & A. M., and a past patron of Purity Chapter, O. E. S.; a member of Mundi-Allen Post, American Legion; and Kora Temple.

Survivors include two sons, Dana and Donald, of Bethel; a brother, Gerry, of Bethel; a sister, Mrs. Agnes Twaddle, of Augusta; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Greenleaf funeral home, the Rev. Charles Pendleton officiating. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery.

WANDA LEE WATERHOUSE

Wanda Lee Waterhouse, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Waterhouse of Bethel, died last Thursday at the Rumford Hospital.

Survivors besides her parents are a brother, Edward; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Waterhouse of Bethel, and Mrs. Earlon Knight of Clinton, Mass.; and several uncles and aunts.

Private services were held Saturday morning at the Greenleaf funeral home.

Mrs. Stanley Coolidge and daughter Carol and Mrs. Linwood Felt and three children went to Augusta Friday, bringing back with them their mother, Mrs. Lena Cushman, for the holidays.

Mrs. Constance Alger, who lives at the Marcotte Home, Lewiston, and her son, Col. James Alger of Washington, spent Christmas at their home at Bryant Pond.

At the meeting of the Bethel Chamber of Commerce next Tuesday evening, Paul C. Thurston, chairman of the Maine Turnpike Authority, will speak on the Turnpike.

Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Felt and family entertained Mrs. George Cushman, Augusta, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Coolidge and Carol Christmas eve to a Christmas dinner and tree.

Miss Janice Lord accompanied her brother, La Donald Lord, to Boston Tuesday, going on to New York by plane. She will spend New Years with friends in Rockville Centre, N. Y.

If you have property for sale, Talk it over with HOMER H. HAMLEN, REALTOR, GORHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

McINTOSH, CORTLAND SPY, RED DELICIOUS APPLES 31 bushel and up according to quality Gift Packages for Christmas Buttercup and Bliss Hubbard Squash

MASON FARM Tel. Terrace 6-2111 or 6-2117

## COFFEE SAFE DRINK FOR HOLIDAY DRIVERS

"Gasoline and coffee are good mixers for safe and sane holiday driving," Leroy T. Snowdon, executive secretary of the Maine Petroleum Industries Committee, said today. He asked motorists to "make coffee the one for the road" during the three-day New Year's week end.

Last year 296 people died on the New Year's week end, Snowdon said. "Don't let your toast to a Happy New Year be a salute to disaster and tragedy," he warned.

He urged particular care at night, pointing out that nearly 3 out of 5 deaths occur during the hours of darkness. Observing that 40 percent of all traffic deaths occur on week ends, he said that highway accident figures show that the most dangerous day of the week is Saturday.

"When we think that New Year's Eve will be on Saturday night, it gives you something to think about," Snowdon said. He offered this advice as part of the Petroleum Industry's Highway Safety Program: "Gasoline and liquor don't mix. But gasoline and coffee are the best holiday mixers for a Happy New Year."

CONNER SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS AT BETHEL INN

Merton C. Conner of Bethel will assume the post of Superintendent of Buildings for The Bethel Inn properties on January 1, 1956, according to an announcement made by Mr. and Mrs. Guy P. Butler, owners-managers of the Inn.

In his new capacity, "Bert," as he is affectionately known by his many friends, will have complete charge of all repairs and maintenance of the several buildings that comprise The Bethel Inn and The Bethel Inn Beach Club at Songo Lake in Albany Township. During the next few months he will devote a considerable part of his time to an extensive remodeling and modernization of the Straw House on Broad St.

In making the announcement, Mr. and Mrs. Butler stated that, in line with their avowed intention of keeping the Inn properties in top-notch condition at all times, it seemed highly desirable to have one full-time, year-round man of Bert's calibre fully responsible for the buildings on an equal standing with the Superintendent of Grounds. This other very important post has been ably handled by another popular Bethelite, Edward R. "Ted" Swan for several years past.

Both men, along with Leroy G. Bennett, the Inn's engineer, have enviable records for quality and length of service at the Inn under the previous ownership; and, in the opinion of the present owners, deserve much of the credit for the excellent condition in which the entire property has been maintained throughout the years.

Mrs. A. Van Den Kerckhoven and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tikander entertained at a family Christmas party at their home on Christmas night. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Van Den Kerckhoven, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Van Den Kerckhoven and daughter Judy, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Tenney and children, Melvin Jr. and Elizabeth Anne, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Merrill, Miss Jackie MacFarlane, Boston, and William Wilkins, Quincy, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Tikander, South Paris, Mrs. A. Van Den Kerckhoven and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tikander.

Schools Open Monday

The elementary schools of Union No. 22 will open Monday, January 2.

FOOD SALE REGION HALL

Tues., Jan. 3, 2:30 p. m.

BETHEL FIRE ALARM SIGNALS

1 BLAST OF SIREN, followed by the same signal three times on the AIR WHISTLE—WITHIN VILLAGE LIMITS.

2 BLASTS OF SIREN, followed by two blasts three times on the AIR WHISTLE—OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE.

IN CASE OF FIRE notify the telephone operator, who will sound the alarm. Alarm is not sounded for chimney fires.

5 BLASTS OF AIR WHISTLE Calls for help in any emergency.

## New Year Cheer



Best Wishes and  
Good Luck in...

1956

Brooks Bros., Inc.

## BEST WISHES

FOR THE NEW YEAR

1956



Shaw's Market

Open Friday until 8 p. m. Closing Saturday 6 p. m.

## Happy New Year



Ruth Carver Ames

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS  
NEW YEAR BE YOURS IN 1956



COTTON'S

## Good Luck



We take this means of  
thanking you for your  
past patronage  
EDWARD P. LYON



We hope the year will  
be a prosperous one.  
BENNETT'S  
GARAGE INC.

Best Wishes  
for 1956

## Happy New Year



Central Taxi  
AND BOWLING ALLEYS

Dick and Alma Young



We wish you joy of  
achievement.

Cole's Hardware & Variety



To all our friends  
...both old and new.  
BOB'S SPORT SHOP

## GREETINGS



Thank you for your past  
year's favors, may we  
service you in 1956?

THE SPECIALTY SHOP



Bring out the old  
Ring in the New...  
with our best  
wishes for 1956  
"MUSH" McMILLIN



Grand Trunk Railway  
Railway Express Agency, Inc.  
Western Union Telegraph Co.  
J. RUSSELL GRAHAM, Agent



May all your  
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## BRYANT POND

Mrs. Edith G. Abbott, Corres.—  
**MRS. BENJAMIN R. BILLINGS.**  
 Mrs. Nellie A. Billings, wife of Benjamin R. Billings, died Dec. 23 at her home in Bryant Pond.

She was born at Hartford, Conn., June 8, 1876, and married Mr. Billings in 1902.

She was a member of the Bryant Pond Baptist Church; of Franklin Grange, No. 24, F. of H.; Jefferson Chapter, Order of Eastern Star and the Star Birthday Club. She was formerly active in the Woodstock Extension Association; and a past president and honorary member of the Bryant Pond Garden Club. Always interested in town affairs, she was a faithful and tireless worker for the welfare of the community as long as her health permitted.

She is survived by her husband; a step-son, James D. Billings, Bryant Pond; and a step-daughter, Mrs. Hugh MacDougall, Tuscarora, Md.

Funeral services were held at the Bryant Pond Baptist Church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with Rev. Gunnar Lindahl officiating. Members of the OES attended in a body. Bearers were Elden Hathaway, Harold Tyler, Harold Dunlap and Howard MacKillop. Relatives and friends from out-of-town attending the services included Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown, Norway; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brown, Cumberland; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Given and son, Solon; Roydon Billings, Milford; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hooper, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. J. Douglas Thompson, Corinna and Mrs. Bessie Mann, West Paris.

A Christmas party, including a tree and exchange of gifts, was held at the stated meeting of Jefferson Chapter OES Friday night. Carols were also sung after the meeting. It was voted to accept the invitation from Granite Chapter, West Paris, to attend their Good Neighbor meeting on Jan. 12. Refreshments were served in charge of Frank Bean, Ben Warner Jr., and Russell McAllister, assisted by other brothers. The "Seventh Degree" will be a feature at the next meeting, Jan. 20.

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Mr. and Mrs. Elden Hathaway and family joined a family party Monday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Bennett, Locke Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crockett were the guests Christmas Day of his aunt, Mrs. Harry Emery and family, West Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilman Whitman were at Lynn, Mass., over the week end, the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bertrand Whitman.

Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Abbott were their daughters, Mrs. Robert Farrington and Mrs. Donald Bennett, with their families, and Miss Luna Farrington.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Morgan entertained about 30 at a family tree, Monday afternoon. Their son, Maurice Morgan and family, South Woodstock, were dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hayes spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Blake, Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Farnum were at South Paris Sunday afternoon, with her sister, Mrs. Norma Tirrell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Andrews entertained a large family group on Christmas Day, which included their five daughters, Mrs. Arthur Wardwell, South Albany; Mrs. Harris Hathaway, Mrs. Theodore Dunham, Mrs. Linwood King and Mrs. Gordon Farnum, with their families.

## LOCKE MILLS

Mrs. Florence Swift, Cor.—  
 Harold Marshall, who was home for the holidays, has returned to the VA Hospital, Togus. Mrs. Marlene Marshall was also home over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Ford were guests of his mother at Sumner, Sunday. Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mason spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Ford.

Dwight Martin, who has been a patient at Rumford Hospital, returned to his home last week. He will be unable to work for some time.

Cecil Kimball was able to be discharged from the CMG Hospital, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Swan had a family party of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Swan and family, Miss Lella Swan, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Noyes and children, for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Valley entertained for dinner, Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Valley Jr. and children, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hueston and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Bryant and son, William, Mrs. Dorothea Pulkkinen, Mrs. Ruby Hueston.

Rodney Swift, Hawthorne, N. Y., visited his parents over the holidays. Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. George Stowell Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. George Elden, had a family party at their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Swift, Irasburg, N. C., at the home of his mother Mrs. Eva Swan.

## LAFF OF THE WEEK



## EAST BETHEL

Mrs. David Foster, Corres.—  
 Gene Burns was a Christmas guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Newton.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Honkala and family of Salisbury, N. H., Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Tamminen and son, David, of Yarmouth, were holiday guests of Mrs. Ruth Hastings. Edward Hastings was home for the holidays from his work in North Conway, New Hampshire.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Springer of Martha's Vineyard, Mass., were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hastings.

Mrs. Edith Howe returned Monday to Larchmont, N. Y., after visiting relatives here for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith and son of Lowell were holiday guests of Orville Farwell.

Willard Farwell has regained consciousness at the CMG Hospital, Lewiston, where he was taken after an accident on Christmas eve. Delwin Long who was in the same accident is reported much better and will soon be home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Bean of Rumford and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Graves of West Bethel were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Urban Bartlett.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Smith, Jr., of Bethel; Mr. and Mrs. Neil Gross and son, Alvin, of Jefferson, N. H., were holiday guests to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. David Foster, June

## SOUTH WOODSTOCK

Olive P. Davis, Corres.—  
 Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Davis took her sister, Mrs. Lillian Harmon, to Bridgton, Sunday. They spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Andrews and family, enjoying a Christmas dinner and a tree there.

Mrs. Harmon returned after a week's visit with the Davis family. Miss Suzanne Andrews is home from Gould Academy to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lenwood Andrews.

Morris Morgan has returned home from the hospital where he underwent eye surgery.

Elsie Thurlow and Cynthia Downers are home from South Lancaster, Mass., for Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tuell and two children of Waltham came Friday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Tuell's folks, Mrs. Martha Holikinen, Waino, and Mr. and Mrs. Eino Holikinen. Mrs. Martha Holikinen returned to Waltham with them on Monday morning for a little visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Jefferson, Mr. and Mrs. Lauri Leino, and Judy, and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Wallinen returned with the Holikinen family Sunday evening for their Christmas tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Davis took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Danale Bryant Monday at Bryant Pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Andrews, Muriel Mullen and two children, spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Andrews at Bryant Pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Lenwood Andrews entertained Mrs. Andrews' mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hallock from Redding, Mass., over the holidays.

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## ALBANY HUNT'S CORNER AND VICINITY

Mrs. Harlan Bumpus, Corres.—  
 The supper and Christmas Tree was held at the church Thursday evening. There will be no more suppers until spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Snyder, Jr., of Higginum, Conn., spent the Christmas week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Stearns.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Morrill spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clark and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Spinney visited Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Smith and family at Mechanic Falls, Monday afternoon.

Everyone is pleased that Clyde Hall has returned home and is in good health. His brother, Norman, of Bethel, visited him Friday afternoon.

Miss Lorraine Leighton is spending a few days of her Christmas vacation at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Bumpus and family spent Christmas Day with Mrs. Laura Bumpus and family at Auburn.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Andrews were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keniston and daughter, Lona.

Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Inman and family were: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stevens and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Snyder, and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Stearns.

Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Spinney were: Mrs. Anne Nutting, Dickie and Diana Bennett, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Nutting of Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. Archer Knight and Mr. and Mrs. Angus Cameron and son were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hall and daughter, Asalene.

Pfc. Upsilon Winslow has been spending his furlough with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Leighton and family. Upon his return he expects to be sent to Hawaii.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bumpus and daughter, Beth, of Milford, N. H., and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hazelton and children, Tony and Vicki, of Bridgton, spent Monday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Bumpus and family.

Mr. and Mrs. James Corbett and son were Christmas Day guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Andrews, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Keniston and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Annichiarico and son were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Andrews.

## CARD OF THANKS

Our heartfelt thanks to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings, and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful.

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## NEWRY

Mrs. Hartley Hanscom, Roger and Amy, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Newell at Locke Mills, and on Monday they were with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cummings at Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Glover and children were recent visitors at the Hanscom home.

A Christmas party at Fred Wight's Sunday evening included George Wight and family of Upton; Willard Wight and family of Old Town; Paul Wight and family of Newry; Pfc. Owen Wight of Ft. Dix, N. J.; and John Wight, Carver, N. H.

Willard Wight and family are spending the week in Newry and Upton.

John Vall was a Christmas dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Morton Jr., and Mrs. Atha Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Lane were guests of their son, Earl and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wight and children were Christmas dinner guests of her parents in Rumford.

Lynda Morton is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Francis Vall at Lynchville. Their daughter, Bonnie, is a guest at the Morton home.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Wight of Rumford and Mrs. Elizabeth Calvin of Greenport, N. Y., were at Fred Wight's Tuesday.

Mrs. Willis Brooke and children were Christmas dinner guests at Fred Wight's.

Henry Mobbs, who is stationed at Norfolk, Va., recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tripp. The Tripp family attended a Christmas family gathering at Robert Bean's on Sunday River.

Mrs. Robert Davis and son, Norman, attend a family reunion at her sister's in Fryeburg.

Walter Enman of Dedham, Mass., was the week end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Enman.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jarvis, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bushley of Rumford, and Mr. and Mrs. Doris Bushley of Boston were evening callers.

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 Mrs. Roy Thurston of Rumford and Mrs. Anthony Pugliese of Portland, with their families, were Christmas guests of Mrs. Bessie Learned.

Patricia Learned of Hartford, Conn., joined the family party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Learned.

Fred Wight is ill at this writing.

## CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank each and every one for the cards and letters, and the help they extended to my wife while I was in the hospital at Hanover, N. H.

Elmer H. Bean.

Too many of us, when we accomplish what we set out to do, exclaim, "See what I have done!" Instead of saying, "See where I have been led."

—Henry Ford

Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing had happened.

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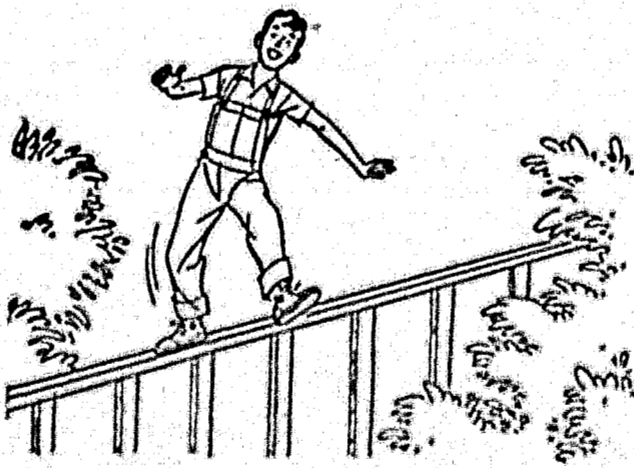
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Thursday, December 29

Read Matthew 20:1-10.  
The last shall be first, and the first last. (Matthew 20:10.)

ONE day the mother of twelve children was asked: "Surely with so many children, you must have favorites among them, do you not?" The mother smiled gently and replied, "Of course. All twelve, imps and angels alike, are my favorites."

That is how God looks upon us. He loves a new convert to His faith fully as much as he loved St. Francis of Assisi. God loves the worst sinner, although He hates his sins and wrongdoing. He loves you as a Christian just as much as He did Paul, or as He loves the oldest saint in your church. God plays no favorites. The earli-

est Christian is as dear to Him as the one being born this moment into the kingdom. He loves that newly born one fully as much as He does the holiest preacher in the land. He loves us all and is sorry for our misdoings. God loves us for what we are. Our task is to make our selves, in the strength of Christ, as worthy as we can of His love.

**Prayer**  
O Lord, Thou hast blessed each of us with the benediction of Thy love. Help us to be worthy of Thy love. To that end nurture us in Christ to the honor and glory of Thy name. For the Master's sake. Amen.  
**Thought For The Day**  
To love God is to live for God, and to know His great love in return. —Paul K. McAfee (Alabama)



**BETHEL METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Dwight H. McMahon, Pastor  
Miss Minnie Wilson, Sunday School Superintendent  
Mrs. Nena Littlefield, Organist  
Sunday, January 1:  
9:45 a. m. Sunday School for all classes.

11:00 a. m. Church Worship and Sermon. The annual Covenant Service will be observed at this hour. This type of service is in the Methodist Book of Worship, and comes down to this present day from the days of John Wesley. Various modifications have been made in two centuries, and ever since 1785 A. D., this service has been a source of blessing to those participating.  
7:00 p. m. The Methodist Youth Fellowship meets with Miss Ann Carter at the home of her aunt, Miss Alice Capen.

Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 7:30 p. m. Sunday School teachers held regular monthly meeting at Passonago for January.

Thursday, Jan. 3:  
3:30 p. m. Junior Choir rehearsal.  
6:30 p. m. Senior Choir rehearsal.  
Friday, Jan. 6, at 7 p. m. Leadership Training Session for Teachers and Leaders of Youth in the Methodist Churches of Central Oxford County. Rev. Alfred Ives of Lewiston will be Director of this training session, to be held in the Bethel Methodist Church.

**WEST PARISH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
Charles L. Pendleton, Minister  
Mrs. John Tolbert, Choir Director  
Miss Dawn Christine, Organist  
Services for Sunday, Jan. 1:  
9:30 a. m. Church School.  
11:00 a. m. Morning Worship.

Holy Communion will be observed. The morning sermon is entitled "The Limits of Perfection." Mrs. Walter Marcuse will be the soloist.  
6:30 p. m. Pilgrim Fellowship.  
Thursday, Jan. 5, 2:30 p. m. Ladies' Club meeting at the home of Mrs. A. Van Den Kerckhoven. Mrs. Charles Merrill is in the charge of the program.

## V. A. NEWS LETTER

Questions and Answers  
Q—I am the widow of a World War II veteran who died of a service-connected disability, and I have never remarried. Would I be eligible for a GI home loan, even though my husband made use of his loan benefit before he died?

A—Yes. The fact that your husband used his GI loan benefit would not serve to prevent you from getting a GI loan in your own right.

Q—I am taking farm training under the Korean GI Bill. I know that I must train full time, but is there any rule against doing a little outside work if it doesn't interfere with my training?

A—You may work for pay outside of your training so long as you do not put in more than 160 hrs. during any 12-month period, and so long as the school finds that your outside work does not interfere with your studies.

Q—What date does VA consider a GI insurance premium to have

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## MIDDLE INTERVALE

Ernest Blake is confined to his bed as the result of injuries received a few weeks ago.

Mr and Mrs Donald Stanley, Dawn Lee and Warren, also Ronald Tilton of South Portland called at H S Stanley's on Monday.

Christmas guests of Mr and Mrs Carey Stevens and Mr and Mrs Richard Stevens were Ronald Stevens, Sarah Morgan and Jimmy Swan.

A family gathering at the home of Mr and Mrs Willis Ward on Christmas included: Mr and Mrs Buddy Howe and son, Robert, of Portland, and Mr and Mrs Roy Lurvey and three children of South Portland.

Mr and Mrs Richard Carter and family attended the family gathering at Alice Capen's on Christmas Day.

Mr and Mrs Albert Johnson and family of Bailey's Island were the guests of her father, Ronald Stevens, on Monday.

Mr and Mrs Richard Bean and family were holiday guests at the home of her father, Roland Hayes, of Shelburne, N. H.

Mr and Mrs Florence Clough and Mrs Rufus Rice. Following dinner, the Cloughs and Rices went to the home of Mr and Mrs Millard Clough for their annual family Christmas tree.

Mr and Mrs Ernest Blake had as Christmas guests, Mr and Mrs Cecil Abbott and family and Mrs Albert Abbott of Rumford Point and Mr and Mrs Ernest Angevine and family.

Mrs Clyde Brooks had as Christmas guests, Mr and Mrs Rodney

## WINTER IS GOOD TIME FOR SEASONING TIMBER

Winter is a good time for seasoning timber because it will season more slowly at this time of year and with less checking (cracking) than during the warmer months. Also, insects and fungi which attack freshly cut wood are less active during the winter. Contrary to popular belief, it's not when you cut timber, but how well you season it that counts in getting the greatest value from poles, posts, and logs. The common belief that timber should be cut "when the sap is down" is not supported by the facts, says Lewis P. Blaisell, Maine Extension Service forestry specialist. There's practically no difference in moisture content of green wood in winter and summer. Peeling bark, of course, is easier in the spring.

## TOP 4-H MEMBERS ATTENDING STATE 4-H CAMP THIS WEEK

Ten outstanding 4-H club members, including five boys and five girls, are attending State 4-H Club Contest at the University of Maine Wednesday and Thursday of this week, December 28 and 29. In addition, all local 4-H leaders and assistants who have successfully completed the past 4-H year are invited. Featured speaker at both the members' and leaders' meetings is George Foster, of Washington, D. C., associate national leader of 4-H club and young men's and women's programs. Maine 4-Hers were proud to learn that Michael Andrew, of Gorham, had won top national honors and a wrist watch in vegetable demonstrations at the N.E.V.G.A. convention in New Orleans.

To cultivate a garden is to walk with God. —Christian Doves

## GILEAD

Mrs. Florence Holder, Corres. — Mrs. Florence Holder and sons, Clayton and Raymond, spent Christmas with her brother and wife, Mr and Mrs Carl Richardson in Monmouth.

Mrs Eleanor Jordan of Grovelton, N. H., and Mr and Mrs Lawrence Robertson Jr. of Canton, Mass., were week end guests of their parents, Mr and Mrs Lawrence Robertson.

Donald Tyler, who has spent a furlough at his home here returned to Washington, D. C., Wednesday.

Lawrence Robertson Sr. returned to the St. Louis Hospital, Berlin, N. H., Monday for treatment.

Brooks and Timmy; Mr and Mrs Kenneth Brooks and Jackie; Maurice Brooks; Matthew and Norton; Dolores Lane; Mr and Mrs Rodney Hanscom and family; and Mr and Mrs Dona Chretien and family.

Mr and Mrs L. E. Davis were visitors at the home of Mr and Mrs Charles Hamlin of Falmouth Foreside Friday night. They joined Mrs Alma LaFayette at her home for dinner on Saturday. Mrs LaFayette returned home with the Davises Saturday night and spent the remainder of the holiday with them. Mr and Mrs Norman Dock had as Christmas dinner guests, Mr and Mrs L. E. Davis and Mrs Alma LaFayette.

Mr and Mrs Freeland Clark were Christmas Eve dinner guests of the Richard Davises.

Callers at the home of Mr and Mrs R. L. Davis during the holiday week end included Gail Waldron and Owen Bacon of Poland.

Mr and Mrs Charles Hamlin and family of Falmouth Foreside called on relatives during the week end.

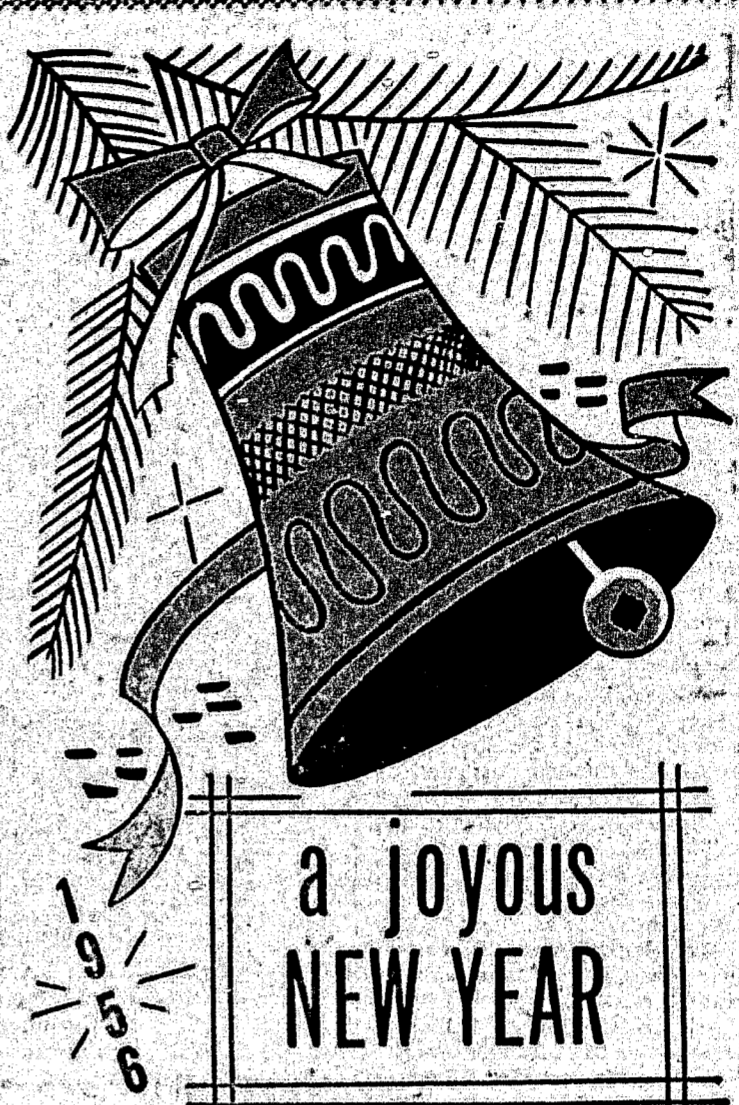
Christmas Day callers at the home of Florence Brooks were Mr and Mrs Harold Mitchell and family of South Paris.

Miss Patricia Judson of Unity is a guest at the home of Mr and Mrs Arnel Brown.

Mr and Mrs Arnel Brown and Arnel K were Christmas guests of Mr and Mrs Norman Greig.



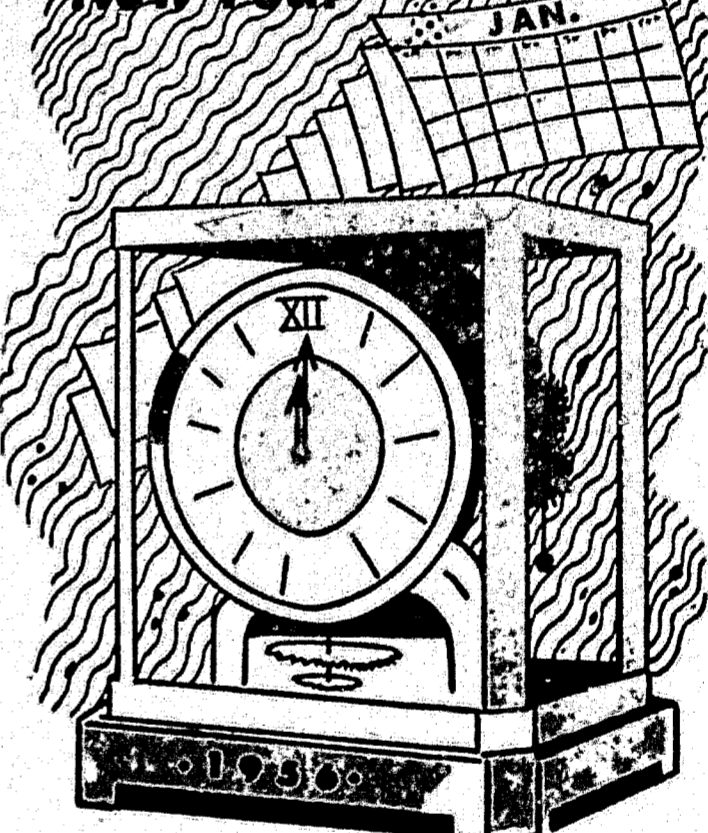
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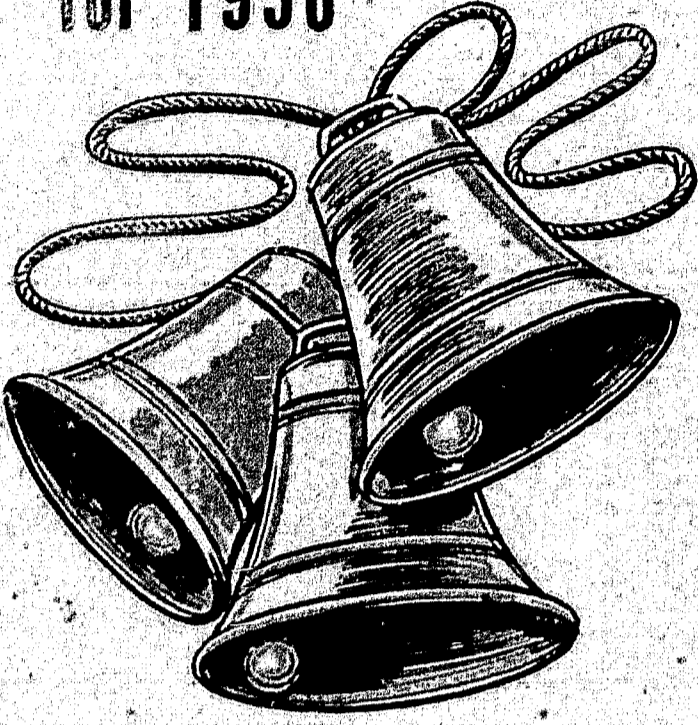
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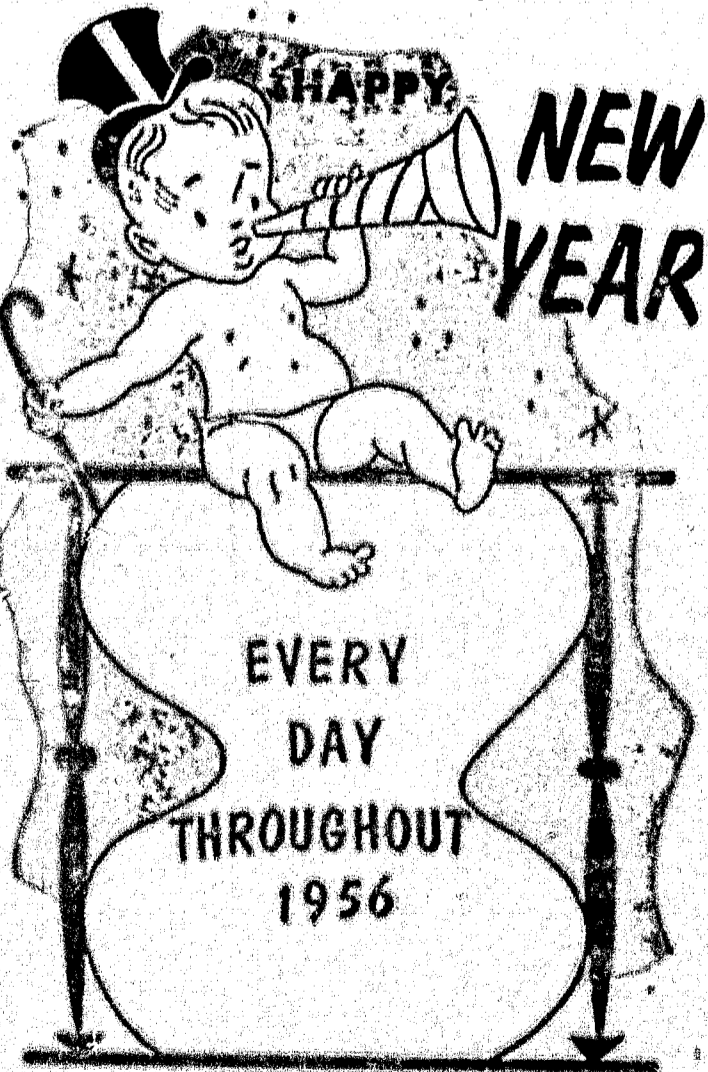
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### WEST PARIS

Mrs. Roxie Inman, Co. Gilbert-Helkkinen, U.S. Air is spending a leave with her parents, Mr and Mrs Emil Helkkinen. The sick and shut-ins were remembered with Christmas letters by the Robekahs, Grand Ring-McKen A. L. Auxilia. The Senior Girl Scouts gave a party at the home of Mrs John Ring, Thursday after Christmas carolling town.

Alfred Hakala returned to his home Monday after spending several days with his wife and mother.

Mr and Mrs Howard Elling, Mr and Mrs James Your daughter June, and George son, were dinner guests of Mrs Charles Childs, North Christmas day.

Mr and Mrs Vernon Inman, Marshall and Vivian, Jr. family party at the home of uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs old Nevers, Christmas day.

Mr and Mrs Mario Lantz family, Miss Anita Collette, mington, Del. spent Christmas with their parents, Mr and Charles Collette.

Miss Gloria Abbott, Miss Collette, students at West High, have employment at berry's store, Norway, during vacation.

Miss Eve Day and Miss Farr are spending a few days with Miss Farr's and brother-in-law, Mr and George Marston.

The employees with the ployces of the Lewis M Mann factory enjoyed a Christmas and tree Saturday afternoon.

### SOCIETY DIRECTOR

Mt. Abram Lodge, No. 31, I. F. Meets Friday evenings. Shirley Chase, Rec. Secretary, ney Hanscom.

Sunset Robekah Lodge, No. 1. Meets first and third Monday evenings. N. G. Blanche Barry, Rec. Secretary, Hilda Donah. Purity Chapter, No. 102, O. Meets first Wednesday evening. W. M. Annie Hastings, Sec. Helen Runnels.

Pleasant Valley Grange, No. 1. West Bethel. Meets second and fourth Thursday evenings. Master, G. Mason. Secretary, Lettie Hall. Bethel Chapter of Commerce Meets first Tuesday evening. Pres. Donald Christie, Secretary, Hastings.

W. S. G. S. Methodist Church Meets third Thursday evening. 7:30 P. M. President, Sylvia ton. Secretary, Barbara Green. Eleanor Gordon Guild. Meets second and fourth Wednesday evenings. President, Mary Ang. Secretary, Ruth Eastman. Ladies Club, Congregational Church. Meets first and Thursday afternoons. Pres. Mrs. Charles E. Merrill. Sec. Mrs. R. R. Tibbitts.

The Guild, Congregational Church. Meets second and Wednesday evenings. Pres. Mrs. Frank Nary, Secretary, Gertrude Hutchins.

Bethel Lodge, No. 37, F. & M. Meets second Thursday evening. W. M. Dana Brooks, Sec. Ernest Mundt.

Bethel Lions Club. Meets Monday and fourth Mondays. President, John Trinward. Secretary, J. Hutchins.

Music Appreciation Group. Meets every other Thursday at 8 P. M. in Gould Academy Music Room. President, Florence Emery. Secretary, Janet Richardson.

Men's Brotherhood, Methodist Church. Meets first Wednesday evenings. President, Evans W. Secretary, Donald Christie.

Parent Teacher Association. Meets third Tuesday evening. President, Dana Douglas, Jr. Secretary, Rita Davis.

Five Town Teachers' Club. Meets first Monday evening. Pres. Miriam McAllister. Secretary, Twitbell.

Mundt-Allen Post No. 31, A. L. can Legion. Meets second and fourth Tuesday evenings. Commander, Leslie Kendall. Adjutant, Compass.

Mundt-Allen Unit, No. 31, A. L. can Legion Auxiliary. Meets second and fourth Tuesday evenings. President, Josephine Tripp. Secretary, Hilda Donahue.

Alder River Grange, No. 105, Bethel. Meets first and third day evening. Master, Richard vena. Secretary, Marguerite Lett.

Deer River Grange, No. 238, 1. ry Corner. Meets every other weekday. Master, Paul Wight. Secretary, Ida Wight.

Bethel Auxiliary of Ram Community Hospital. Meets Monday evenings. President, A. Thurston. Secretary, Janet Tardson.

Stamp Club meets Wednesday afternoon after school, 3:30, at Mabel O'Brien's on Paradise. President, Donald Christie. Secretary, Nancy Lincoln. Treasurer, Dickie Bennett.

Mt. Abram Fish and Game association meets third Thursday, 8:00 P. M. in Locke's Mills T. Hall. Visitors welcome. Pres. Arthur Valley. Secretary, Art Cummings.

## WEST PARIS

Mrs. Roxie Inman, Cor. Gilbert Helikinen, U.S. Air Force, is spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Helikinen. The sick and shut-ins were kindly remembered with Christmas baskets by the Robekahs, Grange and Ring-McKeen A. L. Auxiliary.

The Senior Gilt Scouts enjoyed a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Ring, Thursday evening, after Christmas carolling around town.

Alfred Hakala returned to Connecticut Monday after spending several days with his wife and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ellingwood, Mr. and Mrs. James Young and daughter Jane, and George Jackson, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Childs, North Paris, Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Inman, Glinny, Marshall and Vivian, joined a family party at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nevers, Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Mario Lanzo and family, Miss Anita Collette, Wilmington, Del., spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Collette.

Miss Gloria Abbott, Miss Teleda Collette, students at West Paris High, have employment at Newberry's store, Norway, during their vacation.

Miss Evelyn Day and Miss Avis Farr are spending a few days at Canton with Miss Farr's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Marston.

The employers with their employees of the Lewis M. Mann & Son factory enjoyed a Christmas party and tree Saturday afternoon.

## SOCIETY DIRECTORY

Mr. Abram Lodge, No. 51, L. O. O. E. Meets Friday evenings, N. C. Shirley Chase, Rec. Secretary, Rodney Hanscom.

Sunset Rebekah Lodge, No. 61, Meets first and third Monday evenings, N. C. Blanche Berryment, Rec. Secretary, Hilda Donahue.

Purity Chapter, No. 102, O. E. S. Meets first Wednesday evenings, W. M. Annie Hastings, Secretary, Helen Runnels.

Pleasant Valley Grange, No. 136, West Bethel. Meets second and fourth Thursdays, Master, Gordon Mason, Secretary, Lette Hall.

Bethel Chamber of Commerce. Meets first Tuesdays, President, Donald Christie, Secretary, Henry Hastings.

W. S. C. S., Methodist Church. Meets third Thursday evening at 7:30 P. M. President, Sylvia Luxton, Secretary, Barbara Greenleaf.

Eleanor Gordon Guild. Meets second and fourth Wednesday evenings, President, Mary Angevine, Secretary, Ruth Eastman.

Ladies Club, Congregational Church. Meets first and third Thursday afternoons, President, Mrs. Charles B. Merrill, Secretary, Mrs. R. R. Tibbets.

The Guild, Congregational Church. Meets second and fourth Wednesday evenings, President, Mrs. Frank Nary, Secretary, Mrs. Gertrude Hutchins.

Bethel Lodge, No. 97, F. & A. M. Meets second Thursday evenings, W. M. Dana Brooks, Secretary, Ernest Mundt.

Bethel Lions Club. Meets second and fourth Mondays, President, Dr. John Trinward, Secretary, James Hutchins.

Muscle Appreciation Group. Meets every other Thursday at 8 p. m. in Gould Academy Music Room, President, Florence Emery, Secretary, Janet Richardson.

Men's Brotherhood, Methodist Church. Meets first Wednesday evenings, President, Evans Wilson, Secretary, Donald Christie.

Parent Teacher Association. Meets third Tuesday evenings, President, Dana Douglass, Jr. Secretary, Rita Davis.

Five Town Teachers' Club. Meets first Monday evening, President, Miriam McAllister, Secretary, Eva Twitohell.

Mundt-Allen Post No. 31, American Legion. Meets second and fourth Tuesday evenings, Commander, Leslie Kendall, Adjutant, Jack Compass.

Mundt-Allen Unit, No. 31, American Legion Auxiliary. Meets second and fourth Tuesday evenings, President, Josephine Tripp, Secretary, Hilda Donahue.

Alder River Grange, No. 145, East Bethel. Meets first and third Friday evening, Master, Richard Stevens, Secretary, Marguerite Bartlett.

Beaver River Grange, No. 238, Newry Corner. Meets every other Saturday, Master, Paul Wight, Secretary, Ida Wight.

Bethel Auxiliary of Ramford Community Hospital. Meets first Monday evenings, President, Agnes Thurston, Secretary, Janet Richardson.

Stamp Club meets Wednesday afternoon after school, 3:30, at Mrs. Mabel O'Brien's on Paradise St. President, Donald Christie, Secretary, Nancy Lincoln, Treasurer, Dickie Bennett.

Mr. Abram Fish and Game Association meets third Thursday at 8:00 P. M. in Locke's Mills Town Hall. Visitors welcome, President, Arthur Valley, Secretary, Arthur Cummings.

## EXTENSION MEMBERSHIP JUMPS BY TWO THOUSAND

Maine Extension Association membership has jumped by 2,000 between the annual county meetings and the first report, says Robert M. Grever, of Skowhegan, secretary. Counties ahead of last year's membership are Penobscot, Androscoggin-Sagadahoc, Kennebec, Central Aroostook, Southern Aroostook and Northern Aroostook, in that order. Piscataquis County has more men Extension members than for all of last year. Extension Associations are open to everyone.

Thousands of Maine cows are bred to high-quality bulls each year through the program of the Maine Breeding Cooperative.

freshments were served by the girls.

Rev. and Mrs. Felix Mayblom and daughter Judith, and Mark Sundahl are enjoying a week's vacation at Cape Cod, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Perham are parents of a son, Roscoe Edward Jr., born at the E. M. G. Hospital, Bangor, Dec. 22. Mr. Perham is attending U. of M.

Pte Bradley Perham spent Christmas with a friend in Lond, N. J., and is now visiting his sister, Mrs. Margaret Hempel, Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Rose Butts, Mebrun, spent the week end holidays with her sister, Mrs. Walter Penley.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Buck and Barry over the holidays were their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Millett, and daughter, Vicki.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Curtis Jr. were her mother, Mrs. Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Worth, Springfield, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Proctor and Frank Proctor, Salem, Mass.

Mrs. Grace Olliver, Portland, who had been spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Lisbeth Penley, returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Proctor, Mrs. Esther Eyerson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Inman and Harry Inman were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Inman and Gary, on Sunday.

## PROBATE APPOINTMENTS

The following subscribers hereby give notice that they have received the appointments as indicated from the Probate Court of Oxford County. All persons having demands against the estates represented by them are desired to present the same for settlement and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately:

John S. Burbank, late of Bethel, deceased; Verne C. Swan of Keene, N. H. Executor without bond. Henry H. Hastings, of Bethel, Agent in Maine, Dec. 6, 1955.

George H. Hammond, late of Bethel, deceased; Clarence W. Hammond of Gardner, Mass., Administrator without bond. Henry H. Hastings of Bethel, Agent in Maine, Dec. 20, 1955.

Fred W. Kilgore, late of Newry, deceased; Irene K. Thayer of Paris, Administratrix C. T. A. with bond, Dec. 1, 1955.

Georgia H. McKee, late of Bethel, deceased; Gladys Hall of Bethel, Executrix without bond, Nov. 15, 1955.

Tena M. Thurston, late of Bethel, deceased; Ralph H. Young of Bethel, Administrator D.B.N.C.T.A. without bond, Dec. 12, 1955.

## SEATE OF MAINE

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named: At a Probate Court held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five, from day to day from the third Tuesday of said December.

The following matters have been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby Ordered:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen a newspaper published at Bethel in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, on the third Tuesday of January A. D. 1956, at 10 of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Niles L. Kellogg, late of Bethel, deceased; Petition for allowance, presented by Thelma Kellogg, widow.

Ralph O. Merrill of Bethel, minor ward; Petition for license to sell real estate situated in Bethel, presented by Nora E. Merrill, guardian.

Karl J. Stearns of Bethel, adult ward; Petition for license to sell real estate situated in Bethel, presented by Gwendolyn Stearns, guardian.

D. Grover Brooks, late of Bethel, deceased; Petition for the appointment of Dana G. Brooks, Jr., or some other suitable person as administrator of the estate of said deceased, without bond, presented by Dana G. Brooks, Jr., a son and heir-at-law.

Witness, Robert T. Smith Judge of said Court at Paris, this third Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five.

EARLE R. CLIFFORD, Registrar

## UPTON

Mrs. C. A. Juddins, Corres. — Richard Williamson and crew have finished work on his logging job at Sunday River.

Fred Juddins has harvested his ice.

Miss Helen Montague of Needham, Mass., and friend from New Hampshire, stayed overnight last Friday at the "Abbott House," leaving Christmas gifts for all the children in town. They were put on to the Community Christmas Tree at the church for Saturday evening. A large crowd was present and a very good program presented at this service. Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon sent oranges from Florida to all the children in town.

Mr. and Mrs. John Weeks and daughter of Nahua, N. H., were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Colin Fuller.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Barnett entertained Mr. and Mrs. George Wight and family, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Barnett and family from town, and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wight and family of Great Works, for dinner Sunday. During the evening the Wight families went to Newry to celebrate with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wight. Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Barnett went to Colebrook, N. H., for a get-together with her relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney E. Abbott and family of East Sumner were in town Saturday evening, attending the Community Tree, and later a family get-together at the home of

Kendrick Juddins, also present were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Juddins and family, and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Juddins.

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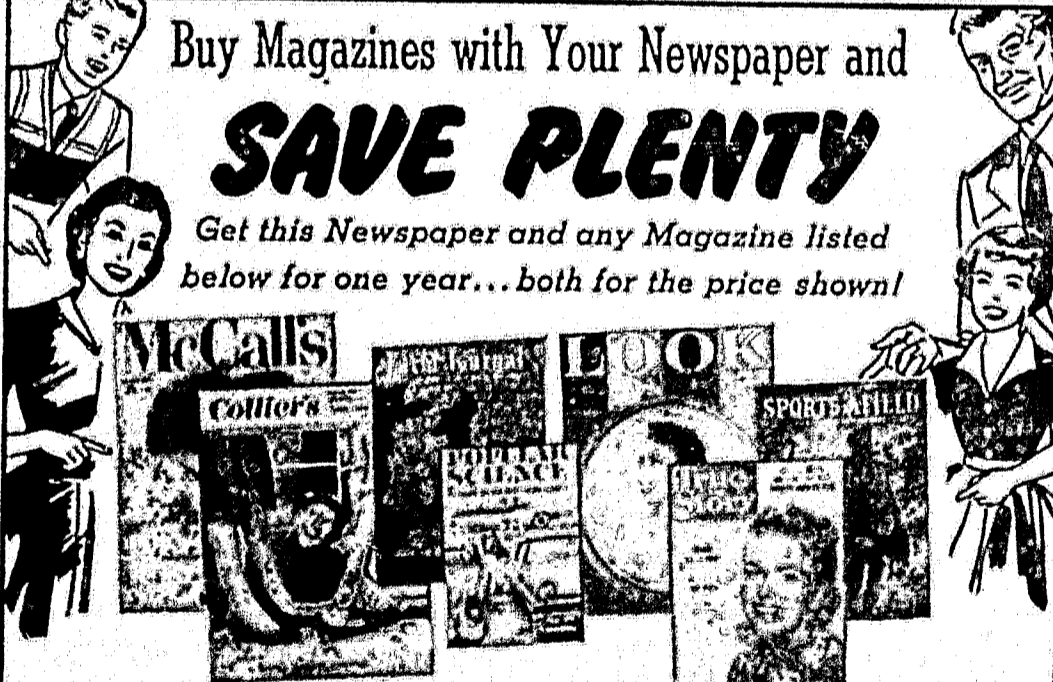
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## FROM OUR FILES

## 10 YEARS AGO

Maurice Brooks' new home on the Middle Intervale road was nearly completed.

Charles Tuell, Harold and Lawrence Young went to Ormond Beach, Fla., where they were employed.

## 20 YEARS AGO

A horse and carriage and a Chevrolet coupe were in collision at the foot of Church St. The horse was badly injured and had to be shot. Neither the driver of the horse or operator of the car were hurt.

Thirty-three children were present at the Legion and Auxiliary Christmas party.

Deaths: Donald E. Hamlin, Mrs. Etta Gulliver, Alton L. Day.

## 30 YEARS AGO

Mt. Abram Lodge, IOOF, and Sunset Robekah Lodge with their families held a get-together in observance of the New Year. There was a short program.

Large crowds were attending dances at the Bethel Grange Hall. Deaths: Mrs. Mary Agnes Barrows.

**LUMBER LOOKS AHEAD TO '56**  
Continued From Page One  
menhous change for the better, and today sawtimber growth is practically in balance with cut and loss.

We now have 489 million acres of forest land, compared with 491 million acres ten years ago. And we have 2,004 billion board feet of sawtimber, compared with 1,601 billion board feet ten years ago.

This re-appraisal of our timber resources, its facts repudiating many past prophecies of a timber famine, was made this year by the U. S. Forest Service.

Such a marked trend to greater lumber supply is still more impressive in view of the fact that lumber production this year—38.5 billion board feet—was the largest since 1910, according to year-end estimates.

Growing lumber as a crop has become more feasible than ever before as a result of progress in lumber manufacturing methods. There was once a fear that someday we would run out of large timbers. Now we do not have to wait for trees to grow to giant size. Ordinary sizes of seasoned, defect-free lumber are glued together to provide superior timbers of any size or shape or finish specified by engineers, architects and builders.

This type of progress, in forest management and in manufacturing method, is a matter of economics. It results from market demand—the fact that lumber continues as the preferred material for home building and many other types of construction.

Although it is believed that housing starts in 1956 will decline about 100,000 below the estimated 1.3 million starts for 1955, private residential construction is expected to amount to a record \$14.6 billion, or about a third of all new construction in dollar volume.

This should mean that home building next year will use about 12 billion board feet, roughly one-third of the average annual lumber production in recent years. The trend continues to bigger and better houses, accounting in part for the larger dollar volume despite fewer houses started. The better quality houses today is characterized by use of wood for fine finish effects. Wood ceilings, wood panel walls, wood cabinets and wood floor have become strong sales appeal items. The popularity of hardwood flooring is shown by the fact its production increased about 15 per cent this year over last year.

Foreign markets for lumber are also forecast in commercial and residential building next year, two of the classes of construction expected to show gains over 1955. Modern suburban construction, including factories and schools, promises a heavier use of wood construction because of new design trends and a wide appropriateness to suburban settings.

Lumber consumption this year is estimated at 42.5 billion board feet, the highest figure since our Association first began its records on consumption in 1899. This figure includes exports and imports as well as distributors' stocks.

All the evidence points to continuing strong demand, which is the stimulus of future increased production.

Moreover, there's ample lumber for the American consumer—for everything from the builders and prefabricators who buy in quantities of millions of board feet to the do-it-yourselfer who can carry his order home on his shoulder.

Maine delegates have found the Maine Lumber Improvement Association almost a necessity for profitable milk and butterfat production. Records of products and feed the enable farmers to call and feed according to each cow's producing ability.



WATERFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT truck, equipped with 500 gallon booster tank and pump—designed and completed by Rannels Machine Co., Inc., of West Bethel. —Don Brown Photo

## "I REMEMBER" BY THE OLDTIMERS

From Mrs. John B. Amon, Greenville, Pa.: I remember the "horse and buggy days"—the dust rose in a thin, yellow cloud from around the horses' hoofs and settled on everything far and near. The buggy, our clothing, even the horses' back bore the gritty mask. We tasted it in our mouths, it's smell entered our nostrils to mingle with the sweetness of red and white clover.

We plodded slowly along in the heat of the summer day and as we went we gathered in all the sights, sounds and smell of the country.

No bird flew over that was not commented upon. We smelled wild strawberries and stopped to see if they were ripe, and there, in the corner of an old rail fence we gathered a bouquet of pink wild roses.

We jogged quietly along—looking at farmhouses, gardens, men working in fields, hens wallowing in the dust. When we came to Waterloo, instead of driving over the bridge, we went down the gently sloping bank into Eagle creek, where the horse gets a long cool drink and holds his nose in the water long after he is through drinking, being under the impression that he is fooling us.

What a wonderful experience for a child to sit in a buggy in the middle of a stream and watch the ripples widen and recede into infinity. . . . To see the underside of a bridge and little fish swimming and a bird taking a bath. Only four miles in the time it now takes to go forty at a moderate speed, but what sounds and impressions were packed into those miles. What unforgettable memories now that water has gone under the bridge indeed, and summer and childhood and the old horse and buggy have gone down some long, dusty road forever.

From Nettie G. Morrow, Eureka Springs, Arkansas: Well do I remember the old-fashioned cupboards, called "sashes" in which dishes and foods were kept. In those days, there was forever a rancid odor about kitchens, which no amount of scrubbing with grandma's strongest soap could either remove nor disguise. And I recall with pity, the make-shift methods practiced by our mothers to care for their milk and butter.

In fancy I see the long slim buckets, called "coolers" which were hung in the wells to cool the milk in summers. And when it clattered, how well do I remember my childhood task of churning in an old-time stone churn, big in the middle and little at the top, with a wooden dasher that went "top, splash!" for hours, it seemed to an impatient child. And the constant reminder from mother to keep the flies, which were legion, away from the dasher, for there were no screens in those days.

But the butter was delicious, and the gallons of buttermilk were the staple liquid with meals, except for breakfast.

There used to be an old adage that a woman could throw out more with a spoon than a man could bring in with a scoop shovel; but she had to. In those days there was no way to prevent spoilage of foods, after they were cooked or removed from cans, except to eat them; and many a hapless young'un was urged to eat unwanted food "to keep it from spoiling."

(Read contributions to this column to The Old Times, Care Weekly News Service, Franklin, Kentucky.)

Baltimore, Md., Daily Record: "Every merchant and manufacturer knows that there is a point of diminishing returns in the process of raising prices. They know too that it is possible to price an article completely out of its potential market. This is a point which a few labor leaders might well take to heart, for labor too can price itself out of its market."

IN Bangor, Dec. 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Florence Perham of West Paris, a son, Roscoe Edward Jr.

DIED In Bethel, Dec. 24, D. Grover Brooks, aged 64 years.

In Bryant Pond, Dec. 23, Mrs. Nellie A. Billings, aged 78 years.

In Rumford, Dec. 22, Wanda Lee, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Waterhouse of Bethel.

## SONGO POND

—Mrs. Ralph Kimball, Corrae. — Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Annichiarico and son of Harrison, N. J., were callers at Earlton Keniston's Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Lute Andrews were dinner guests there on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lapham and Peanut were Christmas dinner guests of her daughter, Mrs. Dillon and family, in Poland.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kimball were Christmas Day guests of Arthur Kimball at Bryant Pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lapham and son were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Arsenault and family at Gorham, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bancroft, Judy and Richard, were Christmas Day guests of the Bruce Smiths of Waterford and Mrs. Agnes Lahti of East Waterford.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Bean and children visited relatives in Rangely over Christmas week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kimball and family and Mrs. Irene Hutchinson visited relatives in Unity on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Earlton Keniston entertained at supper Christmas night. Warren Lapham, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lapham and Byron, Mr. and Mrs. William Kimball and three children of South Waterford.

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Total 1956 spending (which is formally known as the gross national product) is put at \$392,400,000,000 by U. S. News, as compared with an estimated \$387,100,000,000 for 1955. Currently, spending is running at close to the \$400,000,000,000 a year rate, but it isn't expected that this will be maintained.

It's interesting to note who will do the spending, and in what amounts. Individuals, the U. S. News forecast says, will account for \$258,800,000,000—well over 1955. Business will spend \$58,600,000,000—under 1955. Government will enter the picture to the tune of \$77,000,000,000—the same figure as in 1954, but some 1,400,000,000 above 1953.

Some suggestions floating around in high places here of late have set me thinking. Seems some economists feel that the nation would be benefited if we were to bring some of the small farmers into the big cities and teach them how to operate a machine that's already doing the work of three or four people used to do.

This idea smells of some "ism" other than the red, white and blue variety. I believe that a guy has the right to dig in the dirt with his hands, sweat from sunup to sundown, fight insects, animals and nature, be happy, and never get rich, without anybody even suggesting he trade his troubles and overalls for a blue work shirt and toll by the clock rather than the sun.

Certainly this idea of "replanting" America's last truly independent operator (the small farmer) isn't going anywhere. Actually, there's no place for transplanting. Industry today is producing far more, with fewer workers than in the past. Ironically, so is the farming group. Seems to me the guys responsible for this bright idea could see that trying to eliminate the small farmer amounts to the same thing as doing away with the small businessman. The idea isn't feasible and, furthermore it won't work.

Trying something new might appeal to a man with an empty stomach, but it holds no attraction for one with food on the table, meat in the smoke house, and an urge to get up, sit down, work or rest as impulses may dictate.

Surely a lot of our small farmers are barely making a living—if you count the cash in their cigar boxes—but the personal value they place on independence is something that cannot be valued, bought, or taken away.

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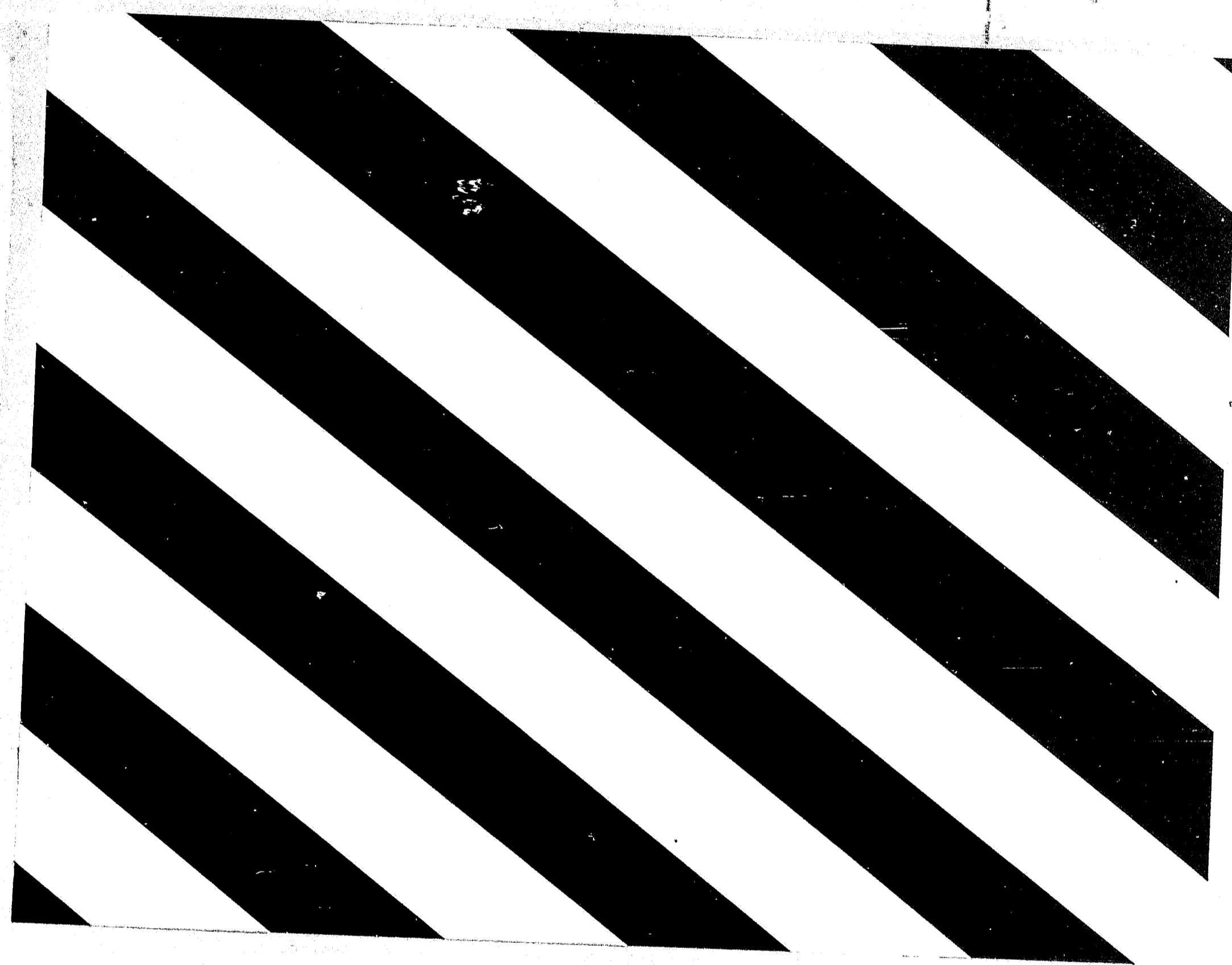
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